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Dr. Andy Beaulieu   *RE: PETITION # 99P-4613*
Deputy Director
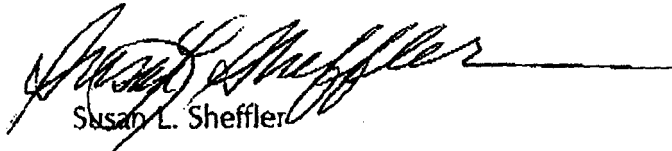**Center for Veterinary Medicine**

Dear Dr. Beaulieu:

   Being a concerned parent and consumer, I am writing to you today to request that Monsanto's genetically engineered bovine hormone, rbGH, be immediately removed from the market. This hormone has been proven to cause cancer in laboratory animals, passes from the milk of the animal to our children, and will cause great harm. How many unaware parents, schools, and other institutions give this hormone-laden milk to unsuspecting children and adults every day, mainly because they don't KNOW the milk is tainted? To me, this is every bit as bad as intentionally poisoning them, since your organization is aware of the problem and does NOTHING to stop it!

   I have stopped drinking milk and am researching alternatives to it that I can give my child for wetting cereal. The cafeteria workers at school look at *me like I* am crazy when I tell my daughter that she doesn't have to drink *her* milk. The tie about milk's wholesomeness has been perpetuated by money-hungry companies and powerful lobbies who care nothing except about padding their pockets. Cow's milk is for baby cows, not humans. As an asthmatic, I can directly link drinking milk to many of the breathing problems I have had for 39 years. Do you, if you have children, want them drinking something that has the potential to cause cancer, -as well as a host of other known problems?

   At the very least, the consumer should be made aware that the milk they are purchasing is tainted with this powerful hormone – milk should be labeled! Why is it that every other industrialized nation has banned the use of this hormone and will not allow it to be used on their milk cattle? Doesn't that tell you something? Why are we forced to be human guinea pigs? Please, for the children, stop this madness and get this product out of our milk supply now!

                        Sincerely,

                        Susan L. Sheffler
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